

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 1-20 have been amended without prejudice or disclaimer to more clearly set forth the claimed subject matter and to comply with U.S. Patent & Trademark Office practice. No new matter has been added into the claims.

Response to Requirement for Restriction/Election of Species

In the Office Communication mailed November 16, 2007 (Paper No. 6793), the Examiner required Applicants to elect a single disclosed growth stimulating substance (i.e., matrix molecules, growth factors, differentiation factors, peptides with growth-stimulating properties, or combinations thereof) and identify the claims readable on the elected species. Accordingly, Applicant hereby elect without traverse the species “differentiation factors” for continued examination. The elected species is readable on claims 1-20.

Applicants note that upon allowance of a generic claim, applicants are entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. *See* MPEP §0809.02(a).

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21547-00304-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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